

NICARAGUA CANAL.

An Interesting Talk by Gov. MacCorkle Last Night.

THE IMPORTANCE TO THIS SECTION

Of the Proposed Shortening of the Waterway

BETWEEN ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC.

The Canal a Matter of Vital Moment to the Coal, Lumber and Manufactures of the Ohio Valley, and Especially of West Virginia—What it Means for the Commerce of the World—The United States Will Dominate the World.

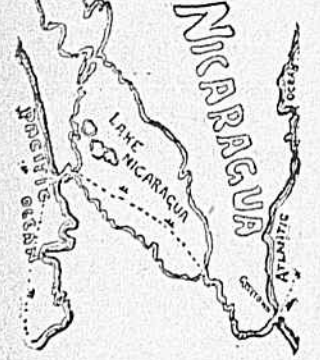
At the Opera House last night Gov. W. A. MacCorkle spoke on the subject of the Nicaragua canal, with especial reference to its importance to the industries of the Ohio Valley. There was a large audience present, in spite of the inclement weather. The size of the audience was less notable than the kind of people who composed it. Some of the foremost manufacturers and business men of the city listened with interest to the governor's talk. He showed great familiarity with the geography,



GOV. W. A. MACCORKLE. the history and the possible results of the canal scheme, and his talk was interesting from beginning to end. The governor was introduced by Mr. Huihien Quarrier, president of the chamber of commerce, under whose auspices he spoke here. Mr. Quarrier spoke briefly and to the point. The governor was greeted with applause. He had two large colored maps, illustrating the points he made. Throughout his address the audience was attentive, and evidently all were impressed with his argument. The governor said he was not here in the sphere in which he usually showed the manipulation of Kanawha county politics. He was here to talk on a matter of dollars and cents. He regretted that he did not have as large an audience as the house could hold. This he attributed to the bad weather and his



ITS RELATION TO THE WORLD. "unfortunate reputation" as an orator. He said that he wanted to talk on a subject of vital importance to this section. The project about which he intended to talk, if carried out, would make this valley the garden spot of the world. He proposed to give a lecture on geography—to be for a little while a school master. He began his career as a school master at \$30 a month, and after he had his experience with the last legislature, with Whitaker and Brady on his hands, he regretted that he had not stuck to the \$30 a month. He caused much mirth by his references to this matter, and said he only regretted that he had not Mr. Whitaker in front of him, for he knew he could get even with him. He drew a parallel between the Mediterranean sea and the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean sea, much to the advantage of the latter. He pointed out that the American waters entering the gulf passed through different climates and its commerce was composed of many diversified products, while the streams that entered the Mediterranean



ROUTE OF THE CANAL. flowed largely through the same sort of country. The Lord, he said, made this the greatest country in the world. He designed that all the commerce of the Atlantic and the Pacific must pass through this continent. He illustrated this by imaginary cases of drift, showing how wreckage would find its way inevitably to the coasts of America. On the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, he said, were to be found one-fourth of all the fillable lands of the world. He showed also how accessible were gold, silver, fruits, coffee, and other diversified products might be found within ten days' sail of the United States. The effect of the Gulf Stream, in connection with the Mississippi and Am-

zon rivers, was shown, as his other points had been illustrated, by means of two large and well drawn colored maps, and then he dwelt on the wonderful natural resources of Central and South America, and remarked that that region could produce everything except manufactured articles. Wheeling could not exist in that region. This section must furnish the manufactures. The Mississippi covered territory which pro-



OUR RELATION TO THE CANAL. duced everything that man can need or want except the exclusive products of the tropics. The one complements the other. The two produce everything to supply the wants of man.

He pictured the difference in the different latitudes of the United States and their products. The cotton belt, the corn producing section, the wheat country, the coal producing region, were all shown to be tributary to the waters of the new world.

In an eloquent burst of enthusiasm the governor remarked that war is not the thing to-day. The ramrod which he used as a pointer on the map had had its day. Commerce is the ruling idea. England dictates prices and policies in the commercial world. Only one country has ever dared to stand up against her, and that is the United States of America. [Applause.]

Napoleon's remark when he signed the cession of the Louisiana territory that the United States would humble Great Britain as Great Britain had humbled the whole world, was quoted, and the speaker remarked that this prophecy was rapidly being fulfilled.

England's commercial and military policy and history, and its results, especially the capture of Gibraltar and Malta and her domination of the Suez canal, were depicted with force. England did not want the Suez canal built, because she could get around Africa before any other nation. He recalled the fact that the ancient Egyptians had built a canal there. After the canal was built, though, England bought it up. The war in Egypt was due to Great Britain's desire to control the canal. For three days she stopped commerce on the canal, simply to serve notice on the world that she owned that waterway. The absolute control by England of the commerce of the old world was eloquently talked about, and the way commerce dominates the world was shown. Then the governor came down to the coal of West Virginia and the glass and steel industries of Wheeling. He said low prices, low wages, fifty cent wheat had come to stay. In the last campaign he preached that this was the result of Republican

fact shown that in many respects the Mississippi Valley had outstripped the Ohio Valley. The increase in the manufactures here, however, was shown to be unprecedented, and a bright forecast was made for the future. The improving of the Ohio river so that it would be always navigable was predicted, and the completion of a canal from Lake Erie to the Ohio, remarked the governor, will soon follow. Engineer Scott told him day before yesterday that he thought the Lake Erie ship canal would be built, but he doubted if it could be brought out near Pittsburgh. The levels of the lake and river would make its natural outlet near Wheeling. [Applause.]

An eloquent picture of the results of the completion of the Erie canal was drawn. After showing the importance of the canal, Gov. MacCorkle showed what a natural route there was across the isthmus. He showed on the map the Eads ship railway route, the deLassapa canal route, and the present route by way of Lake Nicaragua and the San Juan river. The details of the work so far done were described, and the feasible character of the work remaining to be done depicted very plainly. The governor wound up with an eloquent portrayal of the importance of the canal project to the Ohio valley. He was warmly applauded at intervals and at the conclusion of his speech, after which many prominent people crowded on the stage to pay their respects and congratulate him.

Corinne in "Hendrick Hudson."

The Kimball Opera Comique Company of sixty people, headed by the peerless Corinne, will present the new operatic extravaganza, "Hendrick Hudson, or Discovery of Columbus," at the Opera House this evening, with the same cast and all the beautiful scenery, costumes and effects that were seen during the six months' run in Chicago during the World's Fair, 100 nights in New York and eight weeks in Boston. Corinne has a budget of new songs, mandolin solos, pictures and Spanish dances, and her new and latest success, "The Little Queen Irene." She is assisted by Willard Quinn, Charles Postelle, James Sturges, Charles Kirk, Harry Deitz, Frank Hayden and Mark Woolley. Some of the more gorgeous scenes and effects include the world's Fair electric palace, the Everglades of Florida, the Fountain of Youth, the Falls of Niagara, the Egyptian palace, the real steam launch, New Amsterdam in 1699 and the Santa Maria.

Loder "On the Go."

The first half of next week, commencing Monday evening, March 11, Mr. Chas. A. Loder, who can safely be called the leading German dialect comedian of this country, and one of the most entertaining men before the public, will be seen for the first time in this city in his new comedy entitled "On the Go." His character, Tanhauser Dry Doppel, was written for him to suit his eccentricities, ridiculous sayings and doings and make-ups. Special care has also been taken of the many other characters, as well as to suit their individual talents. The comedy abounds with good things which are pushed along with fully a score of pretty ladies and funny comedians, a number of which have been associated with other noted farcical entertainments, and the production of "On the Go" will indeed be one of the greatest successes that has been on a local stage this season.

Bobbie Gaylor Coming.

The permanency of Robert Gaylor's hold upon theatre goers will be illustrated at the Opera House next Tuesday evening, when he will appear in his eccentric version of "Sport McAllister, One of the Four Hundred." He created a most favorable impression here last season, and has always been considered one of the most prominent of eccentric comedians. The play, which has always been spoken of as very funny, has been reconstructed and is now more so than ever. Many novel features have been introduced, including a medley of the latest London successes, taken from "The Gaiety Girl," "Don Juan," "Go Bang," etc.

At the Grand.

The Watson Sisters extravaganza and vaudeville company opened a three nights' engagement at the Grand last night to a large and well pleased audience. The play is a mixture of comic opera, comedy and vaudeville, all ingeniously blended together as to make a very acceptable performance. From start to finish the acts were novel and entertaining, and were presented by first class artists. The same will be presented to-night.

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